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In re the Application of: **GIANPIETRO BENEDETTI**

Group Art Unit: 1742

Serial No.: 09/976,209

Examiner: Sikyin IP

Filed: **October 13, 2001**

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IN-LINE HEAT
TREATMENT OF HOT ROLLED STOCK**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 30, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 6, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: